

**REMARKS****STATUS OF THE CLAIMS:**

Claims 1 to 20 are cancelled.

Claims 23, 43, 45 and 46 have been amended.

Claims 21 to 55 are pending.

Claim 23 was amended to delete the "of" term after the "comprises" term to place this claim in better condition for issuance. Applicants right to equivalents of Claim 23 is reserved. No new matter has been added.

Claim 43 was amended to delete the comma after the "(a)" phrase to place this claim in better condition for issuance. Applicants right to equivalents of Claim 43 is reserved. No new matter has been added.

Claim 45 was amended to append the "nucleotides" term after the "but not more than 10" phrase, and to append the "of the sequence provided in Figures 7A-B" phrase after each of the terms "-1746", "-936", and "-470". Each of these amendments were made to place this claim in better condition for issuance. Applicants right to equivalents of Claim 45 is reserved. No new matter has been added.

Claim 46 was amended to append the "of the sequence provided in Figures 7A-B" phrase after each of the terms "-1746", "-936", and "-470", and was further amended to append a semicolon just prior to the "is delete" phrase. Each of these amendments were made to place this claim in better condition for issuance. Applicants right to equivalents of Claim 46 is reserved. No new matter has been added.

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It is respectfully requested that the amendment(s) presented herein be considered and entered prior to issuance of a patent corresponding to the present application.

If any small matter should remain outstanding after the Patent Examiner has had an opportunity to review the above Remarks, the Patent Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned attorney in order to resolve these matters.

Although it is believed no fee is due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment associated with the filing of this correspondence to Deposit Account Number 19-3880 in the name of the Bristol-Myers Squibb Company.

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